

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REDUCING FLIGHT DELAYS ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of legislation to give the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Department of Transportation (DOT) the flexibility to use unobligated funds to ensure the safety of our nation's air transportation system. I specifically want to affirm the intent of this legislation that grants the Secretary of Transportation the ability to use unobligated balances of the Airport Improvement Program account to prevent the closure of 149 contract air traffic control towers and halt the furloughs of air traffic controllers.

The needless proposed closure of four Arizona air traffic control towers, including the tower located at the Laughlin-Bullhead International Airport located in my district, would have a profound impact on our rural economies. Our nation's air transportation system is a comprehensive network of intertwined departments. Maintaining service at all contract air traffic control towers is essential to ensure a safe and efficient air transportation system—the basis of this legislation.

The inaction of the Department of Transportation to request sequester reprogramming authority and maintain some level of service at all contract towers has necessitated this legislation. The safety and efficiency of our skies have been put at risk and it has become incumbent upon the Congress to direct this authority to the Secretary of Transportation.

IN REMEMBRANCE ON THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COLLAPSE OF THE OLD MAN OF THE MOUNTAIN

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance on the tenth anniversary of the collapse of New Hampshire's iconic symbol, the Old Man of the Mountain. Born in fire and sculpted by ice, the Old Man of the Mountain has long been recognized as the symbol of New Hampshire and its people.

The Old Man was completed at the recession of the last ice age sometime during the 8th Millennium BC. The first recorded viewing was in 1805 by Francis Whitcomb and Luke Brooks as they were surveying Franconia Notch. Niels Nielsen and his son David, long time guardians of the Old Man, spent years protecting him from vandalism and keeping his fragile countenance secured to the Mountain. The Old Man has had many honors, including

his profile featured on a postage stamp and on New Hampshire's State Quarter.

Today, at 11:30 am in Franconia State Park near where the Old Man clung to the mountain, people will gather in Profile Plaza on the shores of Profile Lake in remembrance of that day in May 10 years ago. We thank Dick Hamilton and the people of The Old Man of the Mountain Legacy Fund, a volunteer non-profit group, charged with creating a memorial to the Old Man. They built a fitting monument of seven steel "profilers," when viewed at the correct angle, allow viewers to see the profile as it appeared on the side of the mountain. The sale of more than 700 granite pavers, inscribed with the names of donors, helped to finance the construction of the plaza and monument.

While the Old Man of the Mountain has succumbed to the ages and lies at the base of the mountain amongst the stone of his creation, I am reminded of why we honor him. In the words of Daniel Webster, "Men hang out their signs indicative of their respective trades; shoemakers hang out a giant shoe; jewelers, a monster watch; and the dentist hangs out a gold tooth; but up in the mountains of New Hampshire, God almighty has hung out a sign to show that there, he makes Men."

RECOGNIZING DR. VALERIE A. HEPBURN

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Dr. Valerie A. Hepburn for her unprecedented service from July 2008 through June 2013 as the 4th President of the College of Coastal Georgia and to wish her well as she returns to her chosen field of public policy.

In addition to serving as College president, Dr. Hepburn held a faculty appointment as professor of public policy. She previously served as an administrator and faculty member in health policy and management at both the University of Georgia and Georgia State University. In 2006, Dr. Hepburn was awarded a prestigious Packer Policy Fellowship from the Australian Government. Prior to her academic service, she spent more than 20 years in senior leadership positions with state health, financing and regulatory agencies. She continues to work with public officials and research colleagues on health planning, education and resource allocation issues. She holds a Doctorate of Philosophy in Public Administration and Policy from the University of Georgia, a Master of Public Administration from Georgia State University and a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science from Agnes Scott College.

In 2008, when the University System of Georgia fulfilled the long-standing dream of Southeast Georgia by granting senior college status to the local community college, Erroll B.

Davis Jr., then Chancellor of the University System of Georgia, had the foresight to enlist Dr. Hepburn to lead the transition. As a result of her visionary leadership, she has forged lasting partnerships between the College and the community that powerfully impact the region. The College now serves as a catalyst for economic development as well as for arts and cultural development. A collaborative, comprehensive master plan charts the expansion of the College as it moves from a campus of commuters to a residential center while respecting the taxpayers' investment in facilities, embracing green initiatives responsive to our beautiful coastal environment. The academic programs cultivate community engagement, critical thinking and problem-solving skills and culminate in degrees with career value.

The United States Department of Education has recognized the College of Coastal Georgia as being in the top 10 percent of affordable public colleges and universities across the nation. Additionally, the College is the first in the University System of Georgia to offer a baccalaureate degree in American Studies. The College provides an affordable, outstanding, comprehensive education for tomorrow's leaders and citizens through service learning, global awareness and engaged entrepreneurship. Dr. Hepburn has, in only five short years, shaped the model for a responsive and responsible institution of higher learning.

A TRIBUTE TO RABBI EDWARD FEINSTEIN, SENIOR RABBI OF VALLEY BETH SHALOM

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary leadership and service of Rabbi Edward Feinstein. Rabbi Feinstein is the senior rabbi of Valley Beth Shalom in Encino, California and this year marks 20 years since he joined Valley Beth Shalom. He came to Valley Beth Shalom in 1993 at the invitation of the renowned Rabbi Harold Schulweis and succeeded him as the congregation's Senior Rabbi in 2005.

I first met Rabbi Feinstein roughly twenty years ago when I joined Valley Beth Shalom. "Rabbi Eddie" has also presided over many of the most meaningful moments in my life, from our wedding to the baby naming ceremonies of each of our three girls. My wife Lisa joins me in saluting Rabbi Eddie on this occasion. She will never forget, nor allow me to forget the words he said to me under our Hoopa, "Remember Brad, the House is not your home."

One of the leading rabbinic voices of our generation, Rabbi Feinstein has brought recognition to Valley Beth Shalom through his involvement in the national arena. Rabbi Feinstein co-chaired the Strategic Planning Group

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